

Florida (Mr. MICA) for purposes of explaining the joint resolution.

Mr. MICA. I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding to me, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this request today in consideration of House Joint Resolution 19 provides for the appointment of Dr. Walter Massey to serve on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

This governing board of the Smithsonian is composed of 17 members, which includes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Vice President of the United States, three members of each of the U.S. House of Representatives and the other body, the Senate, and nine citizens who are nominated by the board and approved jointly in a resolution of Congress.

The nine citizen members serve for a term of 6 years each, and are eligible for reappointment to one additional term.

Currently, Dr. Walter Massey is the President of Morehouse College, which is the Nation's only historically black all-male 4-year liberal arts institution. I am pleased also to report to the House that Dr. Massey has broad academic and administrative experience, serving as a provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at the University of California.

His career encompasses service as a former director of the National Science Foundation, to which he was appointed by former President George Bush.

The Foundation is the government's lead agency for support of research and education in mathematics, science, and engineering, and furthermore, Dr. Massey's teaching experience includes work as the dean of the college, and also a professor of physics at Brown University, and as assistant professor at the University of Illinois. He has an extensive science background, and is involved in numerous research studies.

Dr. Walter Massey's qualification as an educator, coupled with his extensive science background, makes him a very strong candidate for serving on this the Smithsonian Board of Regents for that Institution.

So I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 19 and urge its adoption.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from the great State of Georgia (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 19, which will provide for the appointment of Dr. Walter Massey as a member of the Board of Regents for the Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. Massey is the ninth president of Morehouse College, which is located in Atlanta, Georgia, my congressional district. Through his work, innovative

thinking, and firm leadership, Dr. Massey has made a remarkable contribution, not just to Morehouse College, but to other colleges and universities, and to our Nation.

I have no doubt that Dr. Massey will have an unwavering commitment to the Smithsonian Institution, with his deep understanding and appreciation of American history, art, and our diverse culture.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve the right to object, I would like to say that Dr. Massey is a fine appointment to the Board of Regents. He holds a Ph.D. in physics. He has been the President of Morehouse College. He has served as the head of a national laboratory in Chicago. He has provided a tremendous amount of service, and is a great educator.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida and the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. SPEAKER, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the joint resolution, as follows:

H. J. RES. 19

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Frank A. Shrontz of Washington on May 4, 2000, is filled by the appointment of Walter E. Massey of Georgia. The appointment is for a term of 6 years and shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 12, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to my appointment to the House Budget Committee, I hereby take leave of my assignment to the Committee on Small Business. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN MCCARTHY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 7, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, Pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives and of the House Democratic Caucus, with this letter I am tendering my resignation from the House Committee on Small Business, for the 107th Congress, so that I may accept an appointment to the House Committee on the Budget.

Please feel free to let me know whenever I may be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS MOORE,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 28, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR HONORABLE HASTERT: I hereby resign my position on the House Small Business Committee.

Sincerely,

RUBÉN HINOJOSA,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 69) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 69

Resolved, That the following Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following named standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Small Business: to rank in the following order after Mr. Langevin of Rhode Island: Mr. Baird of Washington, Mrs. Napolitano of California, and Mr. Udall of Colorado.

SEC. 2. Committee on Small Business: to rank in the following order after Mr. Udall of Colorado: Mr. Acevedo-Vilá of Puerto Rico,